

## REMARKS

By the above amendment, claims 1 - 7 have been amended and new dependent claims 8 - 14 have been added. The requirement for election of one of the alleged following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention identified as Species (I) directed to an embodiment I; Species (II) directed to an embodiment II; Species (III) directed to an embodiment III; Species (IV) directed to an embodiment IV; Species (V) directed to an embodiment V; and Species (VI) directed to an embodiment VI; such requirement is traversed in that applicants submit that at least one generic claim is present in this application and since such generic claim has not been rejected over cited art, such claim should be considered allowable and therewith, claims directed to the species identified by the Examiner.

By the present amendment, independent claim 1 has been amended to be in generic form noting that each of independent claims 4, 6 and 7 include the corresponding recited features of claim 1 therein such that it is apparent that claim 1 is a generic claim with respect to independent claims 4, 6 and 7 and therewith the dependent claims. As noted above, since claim 1 is not rejected over cited art, such claim is deemed to be allowable and applicants submit that consideration of other species and withdrawal of the election of species requirement is proper.

In order to provide a complete response to the election requirement, applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Species (I) and submit that independent generic claim 1 and dependent claims 2, 3 and 8 - 14 are readable thereon.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants submit that consideration of all species identified by the Examiner is proper in this application and favorable action on all claims is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 500.42963X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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